

**Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
Agenda Item 12.b**

Applicant: Colorado Foundation for Water Education

Water Activity Name: Educating Denver Metro elected officials and decision makers on solutions-oriented water supply planning

Water Activity Purpose: Nonstructural Water Activity

County: Denver, Douglas, Adams, Arapahoe, Jefferson, Broomfield Counties

Drainage Basin: Metro Basin

Water Source: N/A

Amount Requested: \$14,820 (Metro Basin Account)

Matching Funds: \$0

Staff Recommendation
The proposed project will assist the Metro Roundtable in sharing its consumptive & nonconsumptive needs with decision makers throughout the Metro area. In addition it will help solicit public participation. Staff recommends approval of up to \$14,820 from the Metro Basin Account to help complete this project.

Water Activity Summary:

The Metro basin roundtable's Education Action Plan targets the need for decision-makers to understand the water supply needs in the Metro area. In order to assist in the implementation of the Education Action Plan, this proposal aims to education decision-makers and elected officials on solutions-oriented water supply planning. The Metro basin roundtable and the application, Colorado Foundation for Water Education, plan on hosting a public meeting this winter or spring, and then a follow-up workshop in the fall.

As stated in the scope of work includes the following objectives:

1. Fulfill the goals and objectives of the Metro BRT Education Action Plan at the request of the Education and Outreach Committee
2. With input from Roundtable members, support two high-quality and unbiased educational events
3. Communicate the Roundtable's assessment of both nonconsumptive and consumptive needs and highlight projects it has funded
4. Provide information that elected officials can use to learn more about the Roundtable's work and become involved in the water supply process
5. Give roundtable members the necessary outreach tools for engaging stakeholders within the Denver Metro area

Threshold and Evaluation Criteria

The application/project meets all four Threshold Criteria. No Statewide funds are being requested, therefore the evaluation criteria does not apply.

Funding Overview

Although no match was identified, several roundtable members indicated that they were going to go back to their organizations to request additional funds to assist in a higher quality reception and to demonstrate roundtable support.

Discussion:

HB 05-1177 (37-75-104) indicates that each basin roundtable has powers and responsibilities that include the following:

- “(c) Basin roundtables shall actively seek the input and advice of affected local governments, water providers, and other interested stakeholders and persons in establishing its needs assessment, and shall propose projects or methods for meeting those needs.
- “(d) Serve as a forum for education and debate regarding methods for meeting water supply needs; and
- “(e) As needed, establish roundtable subcommittees or other mechanisms to facilitate dialogue and resolution of issues and conflicts within the basin.”

These items are a major focus of this effort.

The Colorado Foundation for Education hired an outside consultant, Karla Demmler, former CFWE director, to assist in implementing this project.

Issues/Additional Needs:

- No additional needs were identified

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$14,820 from the Metro Basin Account for the implementation of the Metro basin roundtable's Education Action Plan.

All products, data and information developed as a result of this grant must be provided to CWCB in hard copy and electronic format as part of the project documentation. This information will in turn be made widely available to Basin Roundtables and the general public and will help promote the development of a common technical platform.

In accordance with the revised WSRA Criteria and Guidelines, staff would like to highlight additional reporting and final deliverable requirements. The specific requirements are provided below.

Reporting: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of the executed contract. The progress report shall describe the completion or partial completion of the tasks identified in the scope of work including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues.

Final Deliverable: At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a final report that summarizes the project and documents how the project was completed. This report may contain photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

Engineering: All engineering work (as defined in the Engineers Practice Act (§12-25-102(10) C.R.S.)) performed under this grant shall be performed or certified by a professional engineer licensed by the State of Colorado to practice Engineering.